

MINUTES OF THE TERRITORIAL AERONAUTICAL
COMMISSION, held on Wednesday, July 8th,
1931, in Room 538, Young Hotel Building,
at 12:00 Noon, Honolulu, T. H.

PRESENT:

Mr. Anderson, Chairman
Mr. Brown
Mr. Damon
Mr. Peacock
Mr. Wooldridge

ABSENT:

Mr. Boyer
Mr. Hinkley

There being no changes or corrections to the minutes of the meetings held on June 10th and June 24 they were approved as circulated.

COMMISSION FUNDS -- 1931-1933:

The Chairman reported as to what funds the Commission will have at its disposal for the next biennium, excluding the \$20,000.00 Current Expense fund under Act 287, S.L.1931, it was found there is a very small sum for airport development.

Senate Bill No. 241, including an item of \$70,000.00 for Territorial Airports, Lands, Improvements to Lands & Buildings, was killed the last day of the extra session of the Legislature. Under Act 122, S.L.1931, Loan Fund Bookkeeping Bill, is an appropriation of \$35,000.00 for Wailua, Kauai, which will be available as soon as bonds are sold; under Act 257, S.L.1927, remains a balance of \$10,720.37, which makes a total of approximately \$46,000.00 for Kauai. The Chairman stated that none of this money could be transferred for airport projects on other islands.

From an appropriation of \$5,000.00, Act 238, S.L.1927, for Molokai, remains a balance of \$326.55. There is a balance of approximately \$3,000.00 from Item 17, Act 122, Territorial Airports, Lands, Improvements to Land & Buildings, of \$100,000.00 appropriated in 1929. No funds whatsoever will be available for the Island of Maui or improvements to Maalaea Airport. Although the field at Upolu Point, Hawaii, is hardly safe for planes, the project, as previously outlined for improving the field, must wait for the next two years, due to the lack of funds. Mr. Wooldridge suggested looking into the possibility of transferring funds from Act 87, S.L.1931, stating "An Act Making An Additional Appropriation For Transportation And Housing Prisoners And The Purchase of Tools And Equipment For Labor And Use On The Waiakea Airport, Hilo, Hawaii, or at Any Other Place," the appropriation being \$10,000.00.

Any improvements to John Rodgers Airport for the ensuing two years in the way of surface materials, coral, etc., will be taken from the \$20,000.00 Current Expense fund. It was decided not to make the fill on the Demon Estate property, as previously planned, at the Ewa end of the main runway.

AIRPORT ON MOLOKAI:

A letter from Mr. H. A. Kleugel, Superintendent Kalaupapa Leprosarium, was read by the Chairman in confirmation of the action taken at the meeting of the Board of Leper Hospitals & Settlement, on July 1, at which the Chairman was present, requesting that the Commission inspect the suggested landing field sites at Kalaupapa, and present a program for development of the most favorable site selected. A copy of a report from Mr. G. N. Rothwell submitted at the meeting of July 1 on the Lighthouse site and a print of the grave yard site were enclosed,

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the report read by the Chairman and the prints gone over. On June 27 and 28 Mr. Rothwell and Messrs. Kangeter and Goddard of the Government Research Bureau visited Kalaupapa and inspected both the grave yard site and the so-called Lighthouse site. Three objections to the grave yard site were: (1) the necessity of moving a considerable number of graves to make a satisfactory approach; (2) the take-off would carry the ascending plane out over a very rough terrain and occasionally rough wind conditions existed when landing; (3) the location is right in Kalaupapa village and necessary fencing of the field would take the meadow space for recreation purposes away from the use of the inmates.

The proposed Lighthouse site has none of the above objections and on account of its isolation could be fenced off and turned over to the Aeronautical Commission or remain a part of the settlement, if desirable. This site would have a 2100' runway almost directly parallel to and into the prevailing wind.

On inquiry of Mr. Brown as to what connection the Commission had with regards to the development of the field the Chairman replied inasmuch as we have control of all aviation in the Territory we would have to pass on the suitability of any field developed and assure the Board of permission to use the field later. The Chairman reported that at the meeting of the Board he informed that body he felt the Commission would be agreeable to taking over the proposed site/with the understanding that we had no money to spend on it this Biennium but would simply have the field under our control.

The following motion was made by Mr. Damon, seconded by Mr. Wooldridge and unanimously carried: "That we investigate the proposed Lighthouse site." It was decided that the members of the Commission make a trip to Molokai at as early a date as possible in an Inter-Island plane if Mr. Kennedy will offer a special rate; otherwise, the trip will be made in Army planes. The Chairman agreed to see Mr. Kennedy relative to the flight and if the Commission does not go by an Inter-Island Sikorsky agreed to make arrangements with the Army. Members of the Commission will leave Rodgers Airport early in the morning, fly over the Lighthouse site, possibly land at Hoolehua and return. Mr. Elliott, Inter-Island Airways, who has been over the ground, will be asked to make the trip. The Chairman stated that if, after investigating the field, it is found satisfactory, our reply to the Board of Hospitals & Settlement, should be to the effect that we would take the field over under our jurisdiction only when it is in such shape that Inter-Island Airways would consider it acceptable for regular use.

HOOLEHUA, MOLOKAI:

A letter from Mr. Kennedy, Inter-Island Airways, was read by the Chairman, in which a request was made to have shrubs in the northwest corner of the field removed and grass mowed and advising that algeroba trees have grown to such an extent that they will interfere with landing of planes should the planes have to land in a different direction than is the present practice.

Inter-Island Airways also advised they would like to confirm a previous request that a passenger landing strip of asphalt macadam be laid down in front of the Terminal Station. The Chairman answered Mr. Kennedy's letter stating that only a small amount of work as outlined on a previous inspection trip regarding the removal of shrubs and rocks had been accomplished on account of having no funds available. With only \$326.55 available for Molokai this Biennium it will be impossible to install the asphalt macadam landing strip.

On April 10th Mr. Will, Commission Representative, was authorized to spend up to \$200.00 for clearing shrubs and rocks. Mr. Peacock will check up on this matter to see what work has been accomplished.

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LICENSE TO BE GRANTED WAR DEP'T. - MOLOKAI AIRPORT:

A license received from the War Department covering the transfer of a small area on the Molokai Airport to the War Department control was submitted and the terms read by the Chairman. On April 8th action was taken by the Commission recommending the transfer and it was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Damon and unanimously carried: "That the license be submitted to the Attorney General for approval as to form; if he approves it then submit same to the Governor for execution."

WAILUA, KAUAI:

A letter from Mr. Lyman H. Bigelow, re Wailua Airport, Kauai, was read by the Chairman. Mr. Bigelow stated due to the fact that the Commission wishes an alternate bid on an additional 800' of runway it will be necessary to get additional cross sections on the field and as soon as these are obtained and the money is available, this work will be advertised all in one project. The Chairman advised the \$35,000.00 in the Loan Fund Bookkeeping Bill will be available immediately enabling the Commission to go ahead with Wailua Airport developments without delay.

LETTER FROM GOVERNOR RE MR. BOYER, COMMISSIONER:

A letter from Major Dunham, Aide-de-camp to the Governor, inclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. Boyer, requesting a two months extension of time was read by the Chairman. The Governor has granted the extension, making the date of expiration of Mr. Boyer's leave August 25, 1931, and stated that if in the absence of Mr. Boyer it becomes necessary to appoint a substitute member he will make the appointment. No action was taken inasmuch as a substitute member is not required at this time.

JOHN RODGERS AIRPORT:

Due to the lack of current expense funds the question of employing a part-time Superintendent of Airports at this time was discussed. After some discussion Mr. Peacock advised that he would be willing to serve in the same capacity as he has in the past at John Rodgers Airport, gratuitously, and remain a commissioner. This met with unanimous approval.

It was decided to wait one month before giving Mr. Laningham, watchman, Rodgers Airport, a raise.

A map of John Rodgers was presented and plans for development were briefly outlined by Mr. Peacock. He stated the prisoners are working with just what coral can be obtained about the port and approximately 20,000 yards of coral is needed to finish the development projects as now laid out. Mr. Peacock agreed to see Captain Gaylor, Pearl Harbor, re the possibility of our hauling coral from the Navy Yard with our own trucks. City & County trucks were suggested by Mr. Wooldridge but in that case it would be necessary for the Commission to pay the upkeep on them.

HILO AIRPORT:

Mr. Peacock agreed to address a letter to Mr. D. K. Richards, Waiakea Airport, for information as to what developments have taken place recently on the Hilo Airport and what the plans for future development are.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. Anderson, Chairman